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Joacim Elmen et al.

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For: SHORT INTERFERING RNA (SIRNA)
ANALOGUES

Examiner: J.E. Angell

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 19, 2010, Applicant hereby elects for continued examination, and purely for the purpose of search, the following variable groups:

To provide a complete response, Y is already indicated to be the single species CH₂, and Applicant elects CH₂.

For position X, Applicant elects O.

With respect to Z and Z*, Applicant submits that it is not appropriate to select one specific position as is clear from the patent specification, the LNA monomer(s) may be